

REMARKS

Claims 11, 13 and 16-19 are pending in this application.

The drawings have been objected to for allegedly failing to show the limitations of claim 20. In addition, claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 20 has been cancelled from the application thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Claims 11-14 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harvey. In addition, Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey in view of Hodges. Finally, claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey in view of Oehler. Applicant will argue the inapplicability of these rejections to the amended claims.

Claim 11 recites, among other features, a fixture for forming unit loads to be received on two or more loading ledges, which unit loads after forming are lifted from the fixture together with the loading ledges. It is respectfully submitted that Harvey does not show a fixture for forming loads, but instead discloses a skid for use when shipping and handling heavy or bulky articles. These articles are attached to the skid where after the skid and article form a single unit. Harvey does not disclose any loading ledges. If the skid is considered to be the “loading ledges” then Harvey does not show any part that could be considered as the fixture.

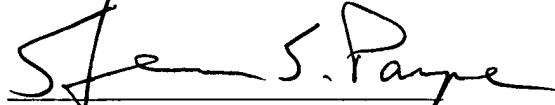
It is respectfully submitted that Hodges and Oehler do not overcome the deficiencies of Harvey cited above. Thus, claims 11, 13 and 16-19 are allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons set forth above.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner

believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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